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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

- a small entity. A verified statement:
 is attached.
 was already filed.
 other than a small entity.

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If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

a) (complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 38 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

| <u>Extension (months)</u> | <u>Fee for other than small entity</u> | <u>Fee for small entity</u> |
|---|--|---------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month | \$ 120.00 | \$ 60.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> two months | \$ 450.00 | \$225.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> three months | \$1,020.00 | \$510.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> four months | \$1,590.00 | \$795.00 |

Fee \$120.00

If an additional **extension** of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$____

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

| (Col. 1) | (Col. 2) | (Col. 3) | SMALL ENTITY | | | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDIT. FEE | OR | RATE | ADDIT. FEE |
| TOTAL 31• | MINUS 31•• | =0 | X25= | \$0 | | X50= | \$0. |
| INDEP. 2• | MINUS 3••• | =0 | x 100= | \$0 | | X200= | \$0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | +180= | \$ | | +360= | \$ |
| | | | TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | OR | TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | | \$0 |
| | | | \$0 | | | | |

- If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write ")" in Col. 3.
- If the "Highest No. Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."
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WARNING "After final rejection or action (§ 1.113) amendments may be made cancelling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 CFR § 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

Complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee for claims required \$_____

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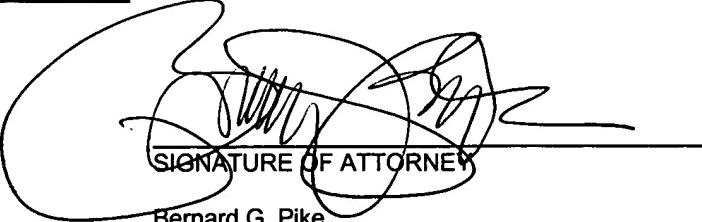
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6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No.
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AND/OR

- If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No.

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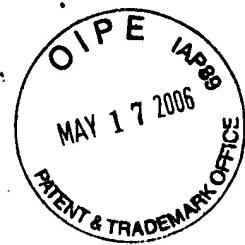
Response to Office Action

Sir:

In response to the Office Action ("Office Action") dated February 2, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks and amendments prior to further examination of the above-identified application:

Claim Listings begin on page 2; and

Remarks being on page 8 of this Response to Office Action.



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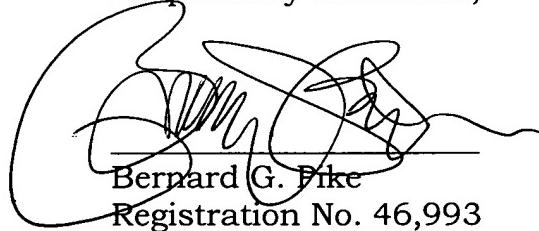
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Sir:

Applicant, in accordance with his duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, hereby advises the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the references listed on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B (substitute for 1449A/PTO) *Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant*. A copy of each of the foreign patent references cited therein is herewith enclosed.

Applicant notes that although the cited references may be relevant to the examination of the above-referenced application, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), the filing of this *Information Disclosure Statement* " shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b)."

Respectfully submitted,



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